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Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels—One case of smallpox, probably imported.

Assistant Surgeon McClintic reports, April 18, as follows:

During the weeks ended April 9 and 16, respectively, 8 bills of health

were issued and 3 vessels fumigated and given certificates.

So far no requests for fumigation have been received from vessels sailing for Louisiana or Texas ports. No yellow fever is reported at this port. The weather continues dry, and mosquitoes are not so plentiful as they will be later on, when the rainy season begins. I visited one case of smallpox in the pesthouse. It is claimed that this case was imported from a neighboring village.

Report from Veracruz—Mortality—Fumigation of vessels to destroy mosquitoes.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden reports, April 18, as follows: During the week ended April 16, 1904, there were recorded in the city of Vera Cruz 35 deaths (56 per 1,000 annual death rate) from all causes, including 2 from pernicious fever and 8 from tuberculosis. No new cases of yellow fever, smallpox, or other quarantinable disease were reported.

There was a fall of about 10° F. in the temperature, due to a "norther" on the night of April 9. The weather continued cool until April 13, when there was a fairly heavy rain, followed by clear, warm weather. The average maximum daily temperature in the shade was about 85° F. for the last four days of the week. The number of mosquitoes is grad-

ually increasing.

The following vessels, bound for United States ports, were fumigated by the burning of sulphur, 2 pounds to each 1,000 cubic feet of space in all compartments, for the purpose of killing mosquitoes, and so certified: April 12, Norwegian steamship Norheim, bound for New Orleans; April 12, Norwegian steamship Malm, bound for Galveston; April 14, American cable steamship Mexican, bound for Galveston. These vessels, while being fumigated, were anchored in the extreme outer part of the harbor, to windward of and at least 300 meters from other vessels and the shore, and were required to put to sea immediately upon completion of the fumigation.

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Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Perry reports, April 10, as follows:

During the week ended April 9, 1904, the following vessels cleared for United States ports: British steamship Nicaraguan for New Orleans, April 4, with 46 crew and 19 passengers; American steamship Seguranca for New York, April 5, with 66 crew and 60 passengers, and American schooner Frederika Schepp for New York, April 9, with 8 crew and no passengers.